



United Way
of Crawford County

INVESTING IN & improving lives in OUR COMMUNITIES



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Director's Corner – Exciting things are happening at United Way this summer with the recently completed Marathon/United Way golf outing and making plans for our community wide campaign kickoff. We are excited with the addition of our new staff Barb Shimer as our community resource representative and a new office located at Lincoln Trail College.



with people from all over the county in many ways. I look forward to meeting new folks and working with old friends to strengthen the mission of a healthier, more prosperous life for our citizens with the help of United Way. The more I learn about United Way, the more I am impressed by how many people it affects and serves and how many people work together and provide a wide network of goods and services and opportunities to us. I had no idea. I'm delighted to have the opportunity to serve. I'd like to learn more about what we can do to inspire, to support those who need a helping hand, and support those working to improve their lives. Reach me at bshimer@unitedwayofcrawfordcountyil.org and let's talk about tomorrow. *Barbara Shimer*



Community Resource Representative: Barbara Shimer

As a longtime resident of Crawford County and recent retiree from Lincoln Trail College, I am glad to have the opportunity to work our communities in a new way. I have been active in the arts and education in the county and for years and have been privileged to know and work

Days of Caring – Thanks to a great committee and lots of volunteers, the summer event Days of Caring was a huge success. United Way tackled some interesting and new projects this year and look forward to growing this effort



Annual United Way Golf Outing a record setting affair.

Special thanks to Amanda Higgins and all of the internal Marathon staff who made this record breaking effort a reality. Great weather and generous corporate sponsors from all over the country participated.



Amanda Higgins lines up the teams



Partner Agency: Lincoln Trail College

At our most recent agency meeting we learned about the impact that United Way has had on the numerous individuals and families that have benefited from the scholarship opportunities afforded individuals in need of paying the course fee or needing transportation or other support. Rena Gower, program director, detailed the impact this program is having on literacy, employment and family stability.



Partner Agency: Crawford Co. LIFE. We welcome our new relationship with Crawford County Life and look forward to their continued promotion of mental health awareness and efforts to rebuild the Mental Health delivery system in Crawford county.

Partner Agency: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Crawford County – Donna Rardin of BB/BS was a speaker at our July agency meeting and is currently operating out of Lincoln



The sky is the limit as employees take to the roof top in one of many Day of Caring projects performed throughout the county.

Save the Date MPC Campaign kickoff 9/19 on the Lawn at Marathon.